

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: CGEN  
SUBJECT: MARITIME DISASTER, AMERICAN FLAG VESSEL YELLOWSTONE

REF: TANGIER 304

1. I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY S.S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER  
NEWTON THAT THE SS YELLOWSTONE SANK EARLY THIS AFTERNOON,  
EXACT TIME NOT KNOWN BUT APPARENTLY AROUND 1400ZULU. CAP-  
TAIN AND FOURTEEN REMAINING CREW MEMBERS REPORTEDLY GOT OFF  
YELLOWSTONE SAFELY AND ARE NOW ENROUTE TO GIBRALTAR.

2. I WISH TO COMMEND THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF THE  
BRITISH NAVY THROUGHOUT THIS ODEAL. THE HMS FINWHALE WAS  
AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT WITHIN MINUTES OF THE COLLISION  
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AND HMS AURORA, HMS NORFOLK AND THE OLNAR ARRIVED SHORTLY

AFTER. NAVAL AND CIVILIAN TUGS WERE ALSO SOON ON THE  
SCENE TO RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. EVERYTHING  
WAS DONE THAT COULD BE DONE TO SAVE THE SHIP AND ITS CREW.  
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